

SOUTH DAKOTA SCHOOL OF MINES AND TECHNOLOGY

Policy Manual

SUBJECT: Definition of Credit Hours

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The South Dakota School of Mines and Technology measures the amount of academic work scheduled or “carried” by a student in terms of credit hours.

1. A credit hour is three hours of in-class time and preparation combined per week for one semester.
2. A recitation or lecture is scheduled as fifty minutes of class time plus two hours of preparation for an average student per week per credit hour.
3. Each credit hour of laboratory work is scheduled as 110 or 170 minutes per week, depending upon the lab.
4. Laboratories scheduled for two hours per credit hour are expected to require one hour of work outside of the scheduled time per week per credit hour.

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